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**DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION** 

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

LEGISLATIVE/RULES COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED:

# **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Robert P. Marier, DDS, Professional Member Neil McAneny, DDS, Professional Member David S. Williams, DMD, Professional Member Wanda G. Smith, DDS, Professional Member Kimberly A. Hickman-Bowen, RDH, MA, Professional Member Fay S. Rust, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member John M. Kirby, Public Member

#### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Myer, Administrative Specialist II

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Evaluate Rules and Regulations for Continuing Education Approval

The Committee discussed the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Continuing Education criteria. The focus was mainly on the type of sponsors the Board would automatically approve and the types that would need to be reviewed in accordance with Rule 6.5.1.8 (Such other organizations and associations as may be approved by the Board).

Possible changes to the rules are: 1. to define the amount of hours a licensee could use for credit outside of the previously approved sponsors such as the American Dental Association and the American General Dentistry Group; 2. eliminate or change the wording in 6.5.1.8; and 3. create a rule for online attestation of CE completion and post-audit.

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Ms. Reardon and Dr. Williams distributed copies of other boards and states' Rules and Regulations for review by the Committee.

## Evaluate Licensure Renewal after One Year

The Committee must create Rules governing lapsed licenses. Part of the Rule must address the re-taking of the Board given exams. Dr. Williams presented information found in Pennsylvania's State Code referring to licenses lapsed longer than five years, which included reapplying and paying a fine. Ms. Reardon distributed copies of other Boards' Codes and Regulations for review and comparison. Ms. Reardon will draft a Rule using the Pennsylvania language as a guide for review at the next meeting,

# <u>Discuss FBI Background Check for Licensure Candidates</u>

Dr. Williams noted that the Delaware Medical Board has changed its law to require a background check for all applicants and that this may be something the Dental Board would want to institute. Ms. Reardon explained that if the Board wanted to present this as a legislative initiative, the language was ready to be drafted.

## **Other Topics**

Ms. Reardon noted to the Committee that there are parts of the Delaware Code 24 Chapter 11, Dental that need to be changed, particularly 1126 (b) which references being convicted of a felony. The wording should be convicted of a substantially related crime.

The Committee will also review the rules pertaining to non-profit dental clinics and the naming of such clinics so they stay within the confines of the currently written rules.

# **Public Comment**

There was no public comment

#### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday December 13, 2007 after the regularly scheduled Board meeting ends in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Dr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kirby, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L Myer

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